

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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November 5, 2002

FROM: KEN A. MILLER, Director
Department of Public Works - **Transportation**

SUBJECT: **CEQA EXEMPTION, PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE EAST VALLEY
REHABILITATION PROJECT IN THE COLTON, GRAND TERRACE AND NORTH SAN
BERNARDINO AREAS**

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Find the East Valley Rehabilitation Project is an exempt project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Class 1, Section 15301 (c) {Minor Alterations}; (2) Approve the project as defined in the Notice of Exemption and direct the Clerk to post the Notice of Exemption; (3) Approve plans and specifications for the East Valley Rehabilitation Project for various roads in the Colton, Grand Terrace and North San Bernardino areas; and (4) Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The East Valley Rehabilitation Project consists of the following sections of roadways:

<u>Road</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Length</u>
Cypress Avenue	Valley Blvd. to Stevenson Street	0.75 mile
De Berry Street	La Cadena Drive east to end of road	0.05 mile
Mountain Drive	San Bernardino City Limits to 48 th Street	0.29 mile
Palm Avenue	Cajon Blvd. to Industrial Parkway	0.11 mile
Reche Canyon Road	Loma Linda City Limits to Colton City Limits	0.26 mile

The existing asphalt concrete pavement on these sections of roadway has deteriorated and is in need of repair. Department staff has reviewed these sections of roadway and has determined that rehabilitating the existing pavement and an asphalt overlay surface treatment are required to restore the roadway structural section and prolong the life of the roadway. All work will be performed within the existing right-of-way.

The environmental staff of the Planning Division of the Land Use Service Department has reviewed this item and recommends a categorical exemption for this project. This project qualifies for an exemption in accordance with CEQA guidelines, Section 15301 (c). An exempt project allows for minor repairs and alterations. As such, when the Board considers the environmental findings, the filing of a Notice of Exemption is required. Board approval is also required to approve plans, specifications and authorize the Director to advertise for bids on local agency construction projects in accordance with Sections 20124 and 20125 of the California Public Contract Code.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Deputy County Counsel Charles S. Scolastico on October 17, 2002 and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst) on October 25, 2002.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The actions to find the project exempt under CEQA, approve plans and specifications, and to authorize advertisement for bids have minimal financial impact. Upon receipt of a satisfactory bid, a recommendation of award of contract will be forwarded to the Board as a separate item. The total project cost is estimated to be \$356,000 which will be financed by Gas Tax funds included in the fiscal year 2002/2003 Transportation budget (SWT-TRA-TRA-2445-15H13454).

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): 3rd and 5th

PRESENTER: Ken A. Miller, 387-7906

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